Regional Office of Ministry at Chennai

339. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an office of the Ministry has been opened recently at Chennai;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the functions of the office and its jurisdiction;

(c) whether there is any proposal to open more regional offices in the State to cater to the needs of the industries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

The MINISTER OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA): (a) and (b) No new office of the Ministry has been opened at Chennai. However, a new building has been provided for the existing offices of the Official Liquidator attached to the High Court of Tamil Nadu at Channai and the Company Law Board (Southern Region) Bench at Chennai which have been shifted to the new premises.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Amendment to Companies Act

340. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government is taking to amend the Companies Act in a comprehensive way, as Corporate governance has received focused attention in the recent years world over and many countries have amended their company laws to keep pace with the changed world;

(b) how many Company Identification Number (CIN) and Director Identification Number (DIN) obtained in the country, State-wise;

(c) how many documents have been filed by companies online; and

(d) how many companies online in the country, State-wise, after the Ministry by amending the Companies Act in 2006 introduced CIN, DIN, online filing and online registration of companies?

The MINISTER OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA): (a) The Government has carried out a comprehensive review of the Companies Act, 1956 and has prepared the Companies Bill, 2008. A notice has already been given for introduction of the Bill in the second part of fourteenth session of fourteenth Lok Sabha 2008.

(b) and (d) The information is given in Statement (*See* below).

(c) 40,71,971 documents have been filed by companies online.

Statement

Amendment to Companies Act

State and Union Territories	DIN Obtained online	Total CIN Allotted	Companies Registered and CIN allotted online
1	2	3	4
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	130	104	3
Andhra Pradesh	53057	59963	11388
Arunachal Pradesh	193	351	39
Assam	7491	6201	605
Bihar	11020	9593	1396
Chandigarh	5566	8809	857
Chhattisgarh	6244	3678	903
Daman and Diu	114	225	2
Delhi	133184	181204	36613
Dadra, Nagar Haveli	157	286	104
Goa	4479	5709	1293
Gujarat	59369	54291	6996
Himachal Pradesh	2294	3054	440
Haryana	32592	9834	2353
Jharkhand	8279	4515	743
Jammu and Kashmir	2192	2620	232
Karnataka	45870	47652	8522
Kerala	29776	23277	4002
Lakshadweep	30	14	4
Maharashtra	179760	202769	41362
Meghalaya	524	760	152
Manipur	208	257	47
Madhya Pradesh	19303	17608	2574
Mizoram	80	65	21
Nagaland	174	371	31

1	2	3	4
Orissa	10594	10054	1483
Punjab	21802	19494	1817
Puducherry	1173	2207	274
Rajasthan	33921	26441	5129
Sikkim	57	-----	-----
Tamil Nadu	65875	78859	10836
Tripura	254	143	21
Uttar Pradesh	63154	32032	3881
Uttarakhand	4201	2211	415
West Bengal	80894	111256	18798

Shortage of trained guides at tourist places

341. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is acute shortage of trained guides in Delhi, Agra, Lucknow and other tourist places;

(b) if so, the efforts made by Government to make available the trained guides at tourists places to promote tourism;

(c) how many places of Uttar Pradesh has been included in the Incredible India Campaign; and

(d) what help is being rendered by Government to preserve and conserve such places?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Tourism makes every effort to meet the requirement of Trained Regional Guides on the basis of market assessment by following a transparent procedure of examination and training.

(c) Incredible India Campaign has been theme based and not State-wise to promote the various tourism products of the country. However, several places of Uttar Pradesh like Agra, Varanasi/Sarnath, Kushinagar have been included in the campaigns.

(d) The Preservation and conservation of tourist places is undertaken primarily by the State Government/Union Territory Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends financial assistance to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for tourism related projects, which are identified in consultation with them.